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1. THE EC COMMISSION HAS SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL TO THE EC COUNCIL FOR AN EC (COMMUNITY-SHARE AND MEMBER STATE BILATERAL) FOOD AID TARGET PROGRAM TO COVER THE 3-YEAR PERIOD 1977-79. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS,THE COMMISSION FIRST MADE KNOWN ITS INTENTION TO PROPOSE A PLURI-ANNUAL FOOD AID PROGRAM IN MARCH 1974 AND THE COMMUNITY ANNOUNCED AT THE WFC MEETING IN ROME JUNE 1976 THAT IT WAS CMMMITTED TO PLURI-ANNUAL PROGRAMMING.

2. THE BRACKET ANNUAL AMOUNTS UNDER THE PROPOSED FOOD AID TARGET PROGRAM ARE INDICATED BELOW AS WELL AS THE QUANTITIES ALREADY APPROVED FOR 1976:
GRAINS: 1976 QUANTITIES: 1,287,000 TONS
MINIMUM OBJECTIVE FOR 1977-79; 1,650,000 TONS
MAXIMUM OBJECTIVE FOR 1977-79; 2,500,000 59,
NON-FAT DRY MILK: 1976 QUANTITIES: 150,000 TONS
MINIMUM OBJECTIVE FOR 1977-79: 150,000 TONS
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MAXIMUM OBJECTIVE FOR 1977-79; 175,000 TONS
BUTTEROIL: 1976 QUANTITIES: 45,000 TONS

MINIMUM OBJECTIVE FOR 1977-79: 45,000 TONS

MAXIMUM OBJECTIVE FOR 1977-79: 65,000 TONS

3 WE HAVE CHECKED WITH OUR COMMISSION CONTACTS ABOUT THE
RATHER SUBSTANTIAL PROPOSED INCREASES IN THE EC GRAIN AID
PROGRAM THEY DOUBT VERY MUCH THAT EC GRAIN AID WILL BE AS
HIGH AS THE MAXIMUM OBJECTIVE INDICATED AND ARE SKEPTICAL AS
WELL OF IT REACHING THE MINIMUM OBJECTIVE IN LIGHT OF THE
COUNCIL'S PAST RELUCTANCE TO INCREASE EC GRAIN AID IN THE
LAST 2 YEARS (REFS A AND B) THE COMMISSION HAS PROPOSED
RAISING EC GRAIN AID FROM 1,287,000 M.T. TO 1,643,500 BUT THE
COUNCIL HAS NOT APPROVED THIS INCREASE.
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